

Leaf Season

Loose Leaf Collection

The loose leaf collection schedule will be available in late September. Leaf season usually begins in late October and ends in late January. Two rounds of collections occur in each area of the city and can take about fifteen days from the start date for each area to be completed. There is a rotation every year on the area that gets the collection first. This helps to ensure that all areas of the city have the opportunity to be first on the collection schedule. There are several places to view the schedule:

- City Channel
- Asheville Citizen-Times
- Mountain Xpress
- City website
- Requesting a copy to be mailed

Preparing Loose Leaves During Leaf Season

Loose leaves are collected twice during the loose leaf season. Leaves should be raked in a pile close to the curb or street by 7:00 a.m. by the start of the collection date. Check the schedule carefully for the dates that the leaves will be collected. Per City Ordinance, loose leaves must not be raked into the street or blocking any storm drains. Violators risk a fine of \$100 if this happens. Here are a few guidelines to ensure that your loose leaves are collected:

- Do not mix other yard waste with the leaves.
- Do not mix any trash with the leaves.
- Make sure the pile is not blocked by parked cars.
- Make sure the pile is close to the curb or street.
- Have the piles ready by 7:00 a.m. on or before the collection date.

Burning of Loose Leaves

The burning of leaves is not permitted in the city and violators risk a fine from the [Asheville Fire Marshal's office](#). Fines can range between \$250 to \$500 or more, and violators may even be arrested. For more information on this, contact Wayne Hamilton (828-259-5641). If violators are caught burning leaves, the Sanitation Division can issue a \$50 fine in addition to any fines that the Fire Marshal's office will give.

Bagged Leaves Collected Year Round

Bagged leaves are collected twice a month throughout the entire year as part of the City's bi-monthly brush collection. Place bags or containers at the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. By Friday the materials will be gone. The city does not provide leaf bags. Any type of lawn or garden bag will be fine to use. When the bags are emptied, they are left for you to reuse again. Here are a few guidelines to ensure that your bagged leaves are collected:

- Do not tie bags or place lids on containers.
- Do not mix trash with the bagged leaves.
- Place bags or containers near the street by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.
- If using a container write "leaves" or "brush" on the container for crews to easily identify the container and not confuse it for trash collection.

Other Options for Disposing Leaves

One of the easiest and quickest ways to dispose of the loose leaves is to compost them. By running a mulching mower over the leaves, the leaves will compost directly into the lawn. Another way to compost them is by raking them into a compost pile. When spring arrives the leaves will have decomposed and will be a great soil additive for gardening.

The [Buncombe County landfill](#) will also accept leaves free of charge. Click here for [directions](#) to the Buncombe County landfill or call (828-645-5311).

Delivery of Loose Leaves

Fresh leaves can be delivered to your home or business free of charge. Contact Customer Service at (828-251-1122) to request a leaf delivery. When you call be ready to provide a name, phone number, number of loads and the location of where the leaves should be delivered within the city limits. The date of delivery is based upon when the trucks are in the delivery area collecting leaves. Check the schedule to determine when the leaves will be delivered in your area. If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please feel free to contact Customer Service at (828-251-1122).